## **PATENT**

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TIME SHIFTING OVER A GLOBAL

COMMUNICATION NETWORK

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application, without prejudice, as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 40 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims:

41. (New) A method of customizing a selection of stations among a plurality of stations, comprising the steps of:

receiving a plurality of stations, each station comprising a digitally encoded stream containing designations representative of a work of authorship over a global communication network, said global communication network having a plurality of stations;

decoding a selected station from among the plurality of stations;

comparing the decoded station with a user designated work of authorship to determine an indication that the user designated work of authorship is contained in the decoded station; and

alerting a user to a station that contains the user designated work of authorship.